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USS Saipan to Make Surge Deployment in Support of Global War on Terrorism

NORFOLK, Va. – Nearly 1,000 Sailors on the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan (LHA 2) will “surge” with a Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HCS) on board as Expeditionary Action Group 3 (EAG-3) in support of the Global War on Terrorism **Tuesday, August 15.**

EAG 3 will deploy to the European and Central Command maritime areas of responsibility where it will enhance naval presence for combatant commanders.

This “surge” deployment is designed to be flexible and will provide presence and strike power to support joint and allied forces afloat and ashore. Under the Fleet Response Plan, a realignment of schedules makes this deployment possible.

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NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the departure of USS Saipan should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 443-9850 ext. (x47127) no later than 3 p.m. Monday, Aug 14.

Information on USS Saipan (LHA 2) is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.